

Addendum to January 15, 2019 Meeting with Misha and Emily memo.

Todd Albert, my Deputy, was initially to be included in this meeting. However, at the request of the Governor's office in the below email thread, he was cut out of the meeting.

From: ISAAK Misha * GOV

Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 11:39 AM

To: MCCALL Ginger * PRC <Ginger.MCCALL@oregon.gov>; MATASAR Emily * GOV <Emily.MATASAR@oregon.gov>

Subject: RE: MuckRock on SB 609

Hi Ginger. Let's add this to our list of things to discuss when we meet tomorrow.

Also, I saw that Todd was included in tomorrow's meeting. My preference is that we keep it to the three of us (Emily, you, and me).

Thanks - looking forward to connecting tomorrow.

Misha

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Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 9:23 AM

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Cc: ALBERT Todd * PRC <Todd.ALBERT@oregon.gov>

Subject: FW: MuckRock on SB 609

Hi Misha and Emily,

One of the things that I was hoping to discuss tomorrow was how to respond to emails like the below. Do you have recommendations for how I should handle this?

It is my personal and professional opinion that the bill in question is a step backward for public records requesters and would create additional unnecessary barriers for access to public records.

But having not been through a legislative session before, I am uncertain about whether or not I can say that publicly. It is my impression, based on what I have heard from DAS, that it would be unusual to comment on a bill. However, it is also my understanding that the Office of the Public Records Advocate is somewhat differently situated than other agencies and I have gotten the strong impression that the media and the public expect me to be candid and offer opinions on bills like this. To not do so would likely undercut the public's perception of the independence of the Office of the Public Records Advocate.

I would appreciate your thoughts on this when you have a chance, even if they are, for now, reserved to how to manage this particular email.

Thank you.

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From: Jessie Gomez [<mailto:jessie@muckrock.com>]

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Subject: MuckRock on SB 609

Hi Ginger,

This is Jessie Gomez from MuckRock, hope all is well!

Wondering if your office had any comment on SB 609, which would require requesters to state their intended use for records requested. In that similar vein, a general statement on all the proposed bills for the 2019 session would also work.

I'm on deadline for today. A written statement works well if today proves a bit busy. Thanks!

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